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SUBJECT: PRISONER EXCHANGE

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1. KALMANOWITCH CALLED ON DCM APRIL 17. HE RELATED HIS WEEKEND CONVERSATION WITH VOGEL ON SHCHARANSKY. VOGEL TOLD HIM THERE HAD BEEN AN IMPORTANT NEW DEVELOPMENT. THE PRESIDENT HAD WRITTEN BREZHNEV A LETTER DATED APRIL 7 DENYING THAT SHCHARANSKY HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH U.S. INTELLIGENCE. BREZHNEV REACTED BY ORDERING ANDROPOV, THE KGB CHIEF, TO MAKE THE RECORD THAT SHCHARANSKY WAS INDEED CONNECTED WITH U.S. INTELLIGENCE, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE SHCHARANSKY WOULD BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL AFTER ALL, IN MAY. HOWEVER, THE INTENTION WAS TO EXPEL SHCHARANSKY FROM THE USSR SOON THEREAFTER, AND VOGEL SAID CONGRESSMAN GILMAN COULD COUNT ON GETTING SHCHARANSKY IN JUNE.

2. KALMANOWITCH PLANS TO FLY TO SOUTH AFRICA APRIL 21. HE WILL PICK UP MIRON MARKUS AT GUBA ON THE MOZAMBIQUE-SWAZILAND BORDER APRIL 23. HE CONFIRMED THAT CONGRESSMAN GILMAN WILL BE PRESENT WHEN MARKUS IS HANDED OVER, AND HE SAID HE WAS PRETTY SURE THAT FLATTO-SHARON WOULD

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ALSO WANT TO BE THERE. KALMANOWITCH PLANS TO RETURN TO GERMANY APRIL 24 AND TO FLY TO THE U.S. WITH VOGEL APRIL 26 (MRS. KALMANOWITCH WILL ACCOMPANY). THE PARTY WILL TRAVEL ON LUFTHANSA FLIGHT 404 DEPARTING FRANKFURT 1330 HOURS AND ARRIVING NEW YORK 1655. KALMANOWITCH SAID HE UNDERSTANDS CONGRESSMAN GILMAN PLANS TO MEET VOGEL AND HIM ON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK.

3. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE
ON WHAT IS ENVISAGED, INCLUDING MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION
AND TIMING, TO GET VOGEL TO AND FROM LEWISBURG. OR WILL
THOMPSON HAVE BEEN MOVED TO NEW YORK FOR PICK-UP THERE?
PLEASE ADVISE.
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